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SUBJECT: FY 76 ALLOCATIONS FOR STATE/CU EDUCATIONAL AND
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1. THE CU/ARA FY 76 BUDGET ON JANUARY 15 WAS REDUCED FROM \$5,275,000 TO \$4,382,000, A DECREASE OF \$893,000. THIS REQUIRES A REDUCTION IN EXPENDITURES FOR LATIN AMERICAN PROGRAMS BELOW THE PLANNING FIGURES PREVIOUSLY SUPPLIED. REDUCTIONS IN COUNTRY ALLOCATIONS HAVE BEEN MADE LARGELY ON THE BASIS OF THE POSSIBLE RATHER THAN THE DESIRABLE BECAUSE OF THE FACT THAT THE PROGRAM IS FAR INTO THE FISCAL YEAR. WE REGRET ANY PROBLEMS THESE REDUCTIONS MAY CAUSE YOU.

2. THE FY 76 TOTAL ALLOCATION FOR HONDURAS IS NOW \$21,207, BROKEN DOWN AS FOLLOWS:

- ACADEMIC PROGRAM

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- CODE 320 1 LATF (TEFL) \$10,500
- INTERNATIONAL VISITOR PROGRAM
- CODE 210 2 LEADERS \$4,196
- CODE 261 2 MULTI-REGIONAL \$6,511

3. THE CODE 210 LEADERS HAVE TRAVELED (GONZALEZ, ULLOA), ONE CODE 261 LEADER HAS PARTICIPATED IN MULTI-REGIONAL PROJECT ON ENERGY TECHNOLOGY (CABALLERO), AND THE SECOND IS SCHEDULED TO ATTEND THE IMI (COELLO).

4. THE REGIONALLY-FUNDED GROUP SEMINARS (STATE 273757) WILL BE HELD AS SCHEDULED.

5. WE WILL SEND THE ALLOCATION FOR THE JULY 1-SEPT 30 SPECIAL ACCOUNTING PERIOD WHEN THE BUDGET IS KNOWN.

6. THIS BUDGET REDUCTION WAS SUDDEN AND WAS CAUSED BY A RECISSION IN CU'S FY-76 BUDGET. THAT IS WHY THERE WAS NO ADVANCE WARNING. WE HAVE TRIED TO CONFINE THE REDUCTIONS TO AREAS WHERE COMMITMENTS ARE LEAST ADVANCED. IF THERE IS A BETTER COMBINATION OF REDUCTIONS WHICH WILL ACHIEVE THE NEW BUDGET LEVEL, WE WOULD BE HAPPY TO CONSIDER IT. INGERSOLL

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